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Section I (Amendments to the Claims)

Please amend claims 1, 3, 6 and 7, as set out in the following listing of the claims of the application.

1. (Currently amended) A method for producing a chitosan-containing salt having the function of lowering blood pressure, which comprises the steps of:
 - (a) dissolving an acid-soluble chitosan in organic acid, or dissolving a water-soluble chitosan ~~derivative~~ in water, to prepare a chitosan solution;
 - (b) spraying the chitosan solution on salt particles to bind the chitosan to the salt particles; and
 - (c) drying the chitosan-bound salt particles.
2. (Original) The method for producing a chitosan-containing salt according to claim 1, wherein the chitosan is α -chitosan or β -chitosan.
3. (Currently amended) The method for producing a chitosan-containing salt according to claim 1, wherein the chitosan ~~or its derivative~~ has a molecular weight in a range of from 10 to 100 kDa ~~10-100kDa~~.
4. (Original) The method for producing a chitosan-containing salt according to claim 1, wherein the organic acid is lactic acid, acetic acid or ascorbic acid.
5. (Original) The method for producing a chitosan-containing salt according to claim 1, wherein the salt is natural sea salt, refined salt or rock salt.
6. (Currently amended) The method for producing a chitosan-containing salt according to claim 1, wherein the salt has the size in a range of from 10 to 50 mesh ~~10-50 mesh~~.
7. (Currently amended) The method for producing a chitosan-containing salt according to any one claim among claims 1 to 6 ~~[[1~6]]~~, wherein the content of the chitosan ~~or its derivative~~ in the chitosan-containing salt is from 1.5 to 5% ~~[[1.5~5%]]~~.